(b) As per existing guidelines, maximum strength of members in a TAC is 20. However, Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Information Technology (MOC&IT) is having discretion to increase/decrease the strength of the TAC.

(c) (i) Any (TAC) is constituted for two years.

(ii) There was no TAC of Madhubani Telecom district during 2004-05.

(iii) The existing Madhubani TAC was formed *vide* Department of Telecommunications Memo No. 8-351/2004-PHP dated 18.01.2006 with a tenure up to 31.01.2008.

(iv) The number of TAC members of existing Madhubani TAC is more than twenty.

Spectrum allocation and its surveillance

1801. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sharp increase in the subscribers base of mobile telephone;

(b) if so, the details including the number of subscribers for the last five years and revenue from mobile services year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether there is any scarcity of wireless spectrum;

(d) if so, the details of consistent policy, if any, for allocating spectrum; and

(e) if so, the step taken in detail, if any, to implement the report of Telecom Regulatory authority of India spectrum allocation and its surveillance as on today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The subscriber base of mobile telephone has been increased from 13.29 million as on 31.03.2003 to 217.13 million as on 31.10.2007.

(b) The details of the number of subscribers for the last five years, State/Circle-wise are given in Statement-I (*See* below). The revenue of telecom sector for the last five years and year-wise, State-wise revenue from mobile services for the last three years are given in Statement-II (See below).

(c) to (e) The Radio frequency spectrum is a natural, limited and scarce resource. The initial spectrum for mobile services is allotted subject to its availability in the service area, in accordance with the relevant provisions of their respective Service License Agreement. With the growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is also earmarked subject to its availability as per the subscriber based criteria and justification. In order to ensure optimal and efficient use of allotted spectrum, necessary criteria for allotment of additional spectrum, beyond the initial allotment, have been worked out, keeping in view various aspects, including demographic features of the respective service areas as well as recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) etc. in this regard.

State-

Circle-wise details of Mobile phones

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	31..03.2003			31.03.2004			31.03.2005	
		WLL	Cellular	Total Mobile Phones	WLL	Cellular	Total Mobile Phones	WLL	Cellular
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	501	2083	2584	884	6087	6971	1408	9352
2.	Andhra Pradesh	17884	883325	901209	1010256	1901504	2911760	1447429	2803810
3.	Assam	10295	47331	57626	16060	86430	102490	29468	257534
4.	Bihar	78698	228784	307482	210421	413087	623508	354159	804375
5.	Chhattisgarh	22482	15493	37975	38743	32072	70815	63062	54889
6.	Gujarat	18099	1045226	1063325	658821	2073035	2731856	1150365	3088645
7.	Haryana	4803	244566	249369	157704	544081	701785	324286	928380
8.	Himachal Pradesh	8853	60690	69543	9927	168908	178835	21063	333192
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3247	0	3247	7119	40100	47219	14508	260313
10.	Jharkhand	26414	31753	58167	37062	102478	139540	40760	165612
11.	Karnataka	21255	821413	842668	693902	1761415	2455317	1092181	2821022
12.	Kerala	26974	660394	687368	414953	1266695	1681648	733543	2092471
13.	Madhya Pradesh	20186	424276	444462	306089	777110	1083199	586346	1284685
14.	Maharashtra (-) Mumbai	15601	999946	1015547	673609	2334535	3008144	1338708	3319210
15.	North East	4465	8692	13157	15892	30631	46523	24580	122026
16.	Orissa	33052	131382	164434	127657	270639	398296	216786	546210
17.	Punjab	6340	917822	924162	448354	2057796	2506150	823611	2940211
18.	Rajasthan	15262	246362	261624	306978	610889	917867	648653	1204228
19.	Tamil Nadu (-) Chennai	11060	615033	626093	475962	1627810	2103772	761127	2863033
20.	Uttarakhand	9834	26425	36259	17808	85432	103240	24642	131825
21.	Uttar Pradesh	110113	692282	802395	643739	1741961	2385700	1146301	3296132
22.	West Bengal (-) Kolkata	26960	144835	171795	84205	279944	364149	203658	691680
23.	Kolkata	10797	494176	504973	400134	885900	1286034	627450	1392548
24.	Chennai	12744	450153	462897	535676	985485	1521161	672494	1555754
25.	Delhi	40283	1806159	1846442	1198069	3240240	4438309	1994966	4093678
26.	Mumbai	49772	1689036	1738808	975564	2830141	3805705	1581601	3965145
	TOTAL:	605974	12687637	13293611	9465588	26154405	35619993	15923155	41025940

SOURCE: BSNL/MTNL/COAI/AUSPL.

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***for five years w.e.f.* 31.03.2003**

	31..03.2006			31.03.2007			31.10.2007		
Total Mobile Phones	WLL	Cellular	Total Mobile Phones	WLL	Cellular	Total Mobile Phones	WLL	Cellular	Total Mobile Phones
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10740	1851	30736	32587	1342	42741	44083	1603	48106	49709
4251239	2832355	4837457	7669812	4297635	8748159	13045794	5361120	11799868	17160988
287002	296674	831923	1128597	81473	2250425	2331898	89918	2869803	2959721
1158534	1830016	1989426	3819442	1746367	4027003	5773370	2417350	5872652	8290002
117951	72428	118989	191417	97723	369571	467294	103027	442690	545717
4239010	1734364	5041343	6775707	2604538	8559219	11163757	3192990	11143193	14336183
1252666	645727	1594571	2240298	1123352	3347254	4470606	1486957	4006778	5493735
354255	87996	640582	728578	213243	1195633	1408876	303019	1590329	1893348
274821	323240	791412	1114652	69195	1422120	1491315	89684	1706488	1796172
206372	46931	356440	403371	64800	506417	571217	75210	482199	557409
3913203	1952625	4937921	6890546	2811560	8570951	11382511	3356320	11290559	14646879
2826014	1544922	3475006	5019928	2251300	5350681	7601981	2708719	7227380	9936099
1871031	1327329	2113813	3441142	2142282	4540044	6682326	2930031	6842833	9772864
4657918	2453227	4963967	7417194	3997899	8790997	12788896	5319434	11787876	17107310
146606	88663	412272	500935	56059	1145459	1201518	64019	1598991	1663010
762996	914534	1257674	2172208	681287	2281974	2963261	864900	3224726	4089626
3763822	1251126	4210703	5461829	1555023	6809284	8364307	1991282	8118611	10109893
1852881	1423291	2724032	4147323	2396450	5614884	8011334	3037908	8096809	11134717
3624160	1405286	4551861	5957147	2542582	8010972	10553554	3209577	11699284	14908861
156467	37838	283941	321779	51910	492972	544882	55142	556448	611590
4442433	3522585	6384780	9907365	4913452	12648453	17561905	6616073	17188744	23804817
895338	943839	1789146	2732985	1145122	3894989	5040111	1574572	5730273	7304845
2019998	1373633	2128463	3502096	1864312	3166674	5030986	2275741	4228330	6504071
2228248	850179	2395952	3246131	952270	3684854	4637124	1136132	4839595	5975727
6088644	3124049	5757325	8881374	3896449	8186834	12083283	4882908	9691254	14574162
5546746	2583011	5578578	8161589	3065429	6812037	9877466	3979896	7931372	11911268
56949095	32667719	69198313	101866032	44623054	120470601	165093655	57123532	160015191	217138723

Statement-II

Year-wise details of revenue from mobile services in India (Category and Circle/State-wise)

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

Circle/State	Category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Karnataka	A	915	1673	2501
Andhra Pradesh	A	999	1532	2276
Maharashtra	A	1238	1648	2296
Gujarat	A	1127	1643	2069
Tamil Nadu	A	819	1088	1598
TOTAL-A:		5098	7584	10740
Punjab	B	864	1353	1729
Uttar Pradesh (West) & Uttaranchal	B	425	701	993
Uttar Pradesh (East)	B	390	760	1468
Kerala	B	542	923	1247
Haryana	B	253	393	620
Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	B	285	641	992
West Bengal	B	198	292	544
Rajasthan	B	348	586	1102
Andaman & Nicobar	B	4	5	9
TOTAL-B:		3309	5654	8704
Bihar & Jharkhand	C	150	411	803
Orissa	C	146	243	422
Himachal Pradesh	C	61	128	234
Jammu & Kashmir	C	11	100	307
Assam	C	37	137	301
North-East	C	7	55	144
TOTAL-C:		412	1074	2211
Delhi	METRO	2068	3025	3941
Mumbai	METRO	1850	2720	3420
Chennai	METRO	480	939	1224
Kolkata	METRO	496	841	1108
TOTAL-METRO:		4894	7525	9693
GRAND TOTAL:		13713	21837	31348

Total revenue of telecom sector during the previous five years

Year	Total Revenue (in Rs. Crore)
2001-02	44475
2002-03	46808
2003-04	60496
2004-05	71568
2005-06	87312